

**SILVER SPRING TOWNSHIP
CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

Date: 7 February 2011.

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

Place: Silver Spring Township Municipal Bldg.

Members Present: Maryann Demagall, Dennis Hrzic, Jeff Kelly, John Murphy, Joseph Ricci, Lionel Spenard, and Susan Zalesky.

Board of Supervisors Liaison: David Lenker.

Others Present: Kelly McDonald, Richard, Shoaff, Creeden Sunday and Dolores Sunday.

BUSINESS:

Chairman's Report: Denny Hrzic, Chairman, reported that **two positions** on the Conservation and Preservation Committee (CPC) have been advertised as being available.

It was announced that the Committee will not meet in March as scheduled, but will meet again in February.

Hrzic announced that the **Hogestown marker** has been removed through the help of Bradley Landscaping. A local foundry will make a casting for the sign. The question arose as to whether PennDot needs to give approval to reinstall the marker. It was noted that Township officials could answer that question.

Conservation and Preservation:

Hempt Bros. Zoning Request: Denny Hrzic created a letter and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors concerning this Committee's **recommendation to approve the Hempt Bros. zoning request.**

Appalachian Trail Protection Act (Act 24): The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) sent a letter suggesting that **recommendations to implement Act 24 would be better to include them in the Township Comprehensive Plan.** The current Comprehensive Plan dates to 1995. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) has agreed to review the plan since the recommendation is to review it every 10 years. Joe Ricci said that the **current Comprehensive Plan doesn't meet the applications of Act 24.** Also, the ATC felt the Appalachian Trail (AT) is protected somewhat by the Township agriculture zoning. The draft ordinance composed by the CPC was forwarded to the BOS but the issue was tabled **due to comments by the ATC.** The CPC then developed draft language for protection of the Trail to be included in the Comprehensive Plan update. The draft document was forwarded to the Township Planning Commission for review and to incorporate into the Township Comprehensive Plan. Hrzic requested that the CPC be kept informed of any updates in this matter.

Other Business: The State allocated more money to Cumberland County for farmland preservation. As a result, **officials foresee more land preservation** in the County. The **Biddle and Deitch farms in the Township are ranked 15th and 20th** respectively for conservation grants.

The **next meeting** will be held on **Monday, April 4, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.**